



Engler Elected as Central Region Vice-President



Robert M. Engler, Ph.D., of Vicksburg, MS, Senior Environmental Scientist at Moffatt-Nichol, was elected to serve as the Central Region Vice-President for the PIANC USA Commission. Dr. Engler assumed his position on July 1, 2007, replacing Mr. Charles C. Calhoun of Vicksburg, MS.

The U.S. National Commission, which is composed of eleven members, is the central governing body of the PIANC USA. The Chairman is the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works); the President is the Director of Civil Works, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; the Secretary is employed by the U.S. Army Engineer Institute for Water Resources. Of the eight other representatives, there are three Vice-Presidents elected by the membership of the Eastern, Central, and Western Regions, and five Commissioners, representing other government agencies and industry, who are selected through nomination and appointed by the Chairman.

Dr. Engler will be a welcome addition to the US Commission. He has an esteemed professional career, with experience in water resource, environmental, and engineering-related research, and he has been involved with PIANC for more than thirty years. Engler has been with Moffatt & Nichol since 2006, but prior to joining the firm, he was a Research Scientist for thirty-four years at the U.S. Army Engineer's Waterways Experiment Station Engineer Research and Development Center (ERDC). He served as interagency liaison for the U.S. USACE on scientific and technical issues regarding dredged and fill material disposal testing and evaluative guidelines, criteria, and regulations. He also served as a Technical Consultant to the USACE's Office, Chief of Engineers, on environmental regulatory criteria and guidelines and has served as an expert witness in controversial environmental litigation and hearings. Engler received his Ph.D. in Geochemistry of Flooded Soils and Sediments, and he has made notable contributions that have advanced the state-of-the-art in the geochemistry of dredged material, flooded soils, sediments, toxic substances, and aquatic disposal, or domestic/international regulatory criteria. Dr. Engler has been an active member of PIANC since the 1970's. He championed the formation of the international Environmental Commission in the early 90's and has served as the PIANC international chairman of EnviCom since its approval in 1994.